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NEWS FROM THE CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR'S OFFICE



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GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF LONG BEACH SOLDIER: SPC. ASTOR A. SUNSIN-PINEDA

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Astor A. Sunsini-Pineda of Long Beach, CA:

"Specialist Sunsini-Pineda served our country with pride and dedication. Astor's heroic determination to fight for the oppressed is an inspiration to all Californians. Maria and I offer our prayers for Astor's family, friends and loved ones during this difficult time."

Sunsini-Pineda, 20, died May 2 in Baghdad, Iraq as a result of injuries sustained when his vehicle struck an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 4th Brigade Special Troops Battalion, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Division, Fort Riley, KS.

In honor of Spc. Sunsini-Pineda, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



May 16, 2007

GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF RIVERSIDE SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Spc. Rhys W. Klasno of Riverside, CA:

"The news of Specialist Klasno's death weighs heavy on the hearts of all Californians. Specialist Klasno served with dedication and valor, making the ultimate sacrifice for his country. Maria and I send our heartfelt condolences to Rhys' family, friends and fellow soldiers as they mourn the loss of a brave individual."

Klasno, 20, died May 13 as a result of injuries sustained when an improvised explosive device detonated near

his vehicle in Haditha, Iraq. He was assigned to the California National Guard's 1114th Transportation Company, Bakersfield, CA.

In honor of Spc. Klasno, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.



May 17, 2007

GOV. SCHWARZENEGGER ISSUES STATEMENT ON DEATH OF REDLANDS SOLDIER

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today released the following statement regarding the death of Pfc. William A. Farrar Jr., of Redlands, CA:

"In selfless service to our nation, Private First Class Farrar courageously undertook his sense of duty and responsibility. Maria and I join Californians in mourning William's loss. We send our deepest sympathies to his loved ones during this painful time and pray for their solace."

Farrar, 20, died May 11 as a result of wounds suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Al Iskandariyah, Iraq. Farrar was assigned to the 127th Military Police Company, 709th Military Police Battalion, 18th Military Police Brigade, Darmstadt, Germany.

In honor of Pfc. Farrar, Capitol flags will be flown at half-staff.

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